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Amendment

In the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph of the specification with the following:

Related Applications

This application is a continuation of and claims priority to PCT Application PCT/IB00/00830, filed June 22, 2000, in the name of Ramirez, et al., entitled "Regulated expression of cloned genes using a cascade genetic circuit;" and additionally claims priority to Spanish Application ES-200001389, filed May 31, 2000, in the name of Ramirez, et al., entitled "Regulated expression of cloned genes using a cascade genetic circuit," and to Spanish Patent Application ES-9901383, filed June 22, 1999, in the name of Ramirez, et al., entitled "Tightly regulated overexpression of cloned genes using a cascade genetic circuit," each of which applications ~~are~~ is herein incorporated by reference in ~~their~~ its entirety, ~~entireties~~ including all drawings.

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